BRIEFS

MARTIN JOINS SIBBALD ASSOC.
ST. LOUIS — Randall Martin, longtime businessman and green committee chairman, has joined John Sibbald Associates, a 23-year-old search firm specializing in recruiting superintendents, general managers and golf professionals for private clubs. Martin is former green committee chairman at Algonquin Golf Club in St. Louis and current chairman at Crystal Downs Country Club in Northern Michigan. He can be reached at 616-352-9421.

ENVIRONMENTAL GOLF ADDS PAIR
CALABASAS, Calif. — Environmental Golf has appointed Eric Bescoby director of golf course maintenance and John McNair director of golf management. Bescoby, formerly director of Rain Bird’s golf division, will manage the business unit dedicated to golf course maintenance at current courses and seek to increase overall business. McNair, formerly general manager of Environmental Golf’s Cherokee Run Golf Club in Conyers, Ga., will oversee golf course operations and the development of new management services.

CMAA CONFERENCE SET
SAN FRANCISCO — The Club Managers Association of America will hold its 72nd World Conference on Club Management and Regional Meeting in San Francisco from March 28 through March 4. Approximately 90 conference sessions will focus on a variety of topics. For more information contact 703-739-9500.

GOLF TRUST BUYS COOKS CREEK
CHARLESTON, S.C.—Golf Trust of America has closed its acquisition of Cooks Creek Golf Course, an 18-hole upscale, public facility located in Asheville, Ohio, near Columbus, for $6.1 million. The course will be leased to Cook/Rainieri Management.
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cence across Canada to help de-
velop the game;
• RCGA's future plans to develop
three multi-course golf facilities that
will each support a championship
stadium-style course, teaching com-
plex and nine-hole Future Links
short course;
• RCGA's desire to further de-
velop and expand its core pro-
grams, such as its junior golf ini-
tiative, Future Links, presented
by Mackenzie Financial Corp.

Notable terms of the agree-
ment:
• all of Glen Abbey's staff will
continue as ClubLink employees;
• the arrangement includes
240 acres of land, all equipment
and facilities;
• the RCGA will lease Golf
House — RCGA offices located
on the grounds of Glen Abbey—
and the Leonard E. Shore Build-
ing (home of the Canadian Golf
Hall of Fame) until 2003;
• the Bell Canadian Open will
be played a minimum of four
times at Glen Abbey through
2009, a minimum of one time
from 2010-2014, and a minimum
of one time from 2015-2019. Glen
Abbey will be leased at market
rates for this purpose (the RCGA
will work in co-operation with
ClubLink on several notable
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Nicklaus/Jack Nicklaus II sig-
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Family Golf adds four to stable

MELVILLE, N.Y. — Family
Golf Centers, Inc. has acquired
four golf facilities: Timber Ridge
Golf Club in Kansas City, Mo.;
Coyote Creek Golf Club in
Vancouver, Canada; Douglas-
dale Golf Club in Calgary,
Canada; and Pine Canyon Golf
Center in Voorhees, N.J. The
company also has leased two golf
centers: Golf Dome in Markham,
Ontario, Canada and Cal State Golf
Center in Sacramento, Calif.

In addition, Family Golf Cen-
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to acquire three golf facilities:
the 82nd Avenue Golf Center in
Portland, Ore.; El Cajon Golf
Center in San Diego, Calif.; and
Fare Seasons Golf Dome in
Thunder Bay, Ontario. The com-
pany expects to close these trans-
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Dominic Chang, chairman and
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The company also reported
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Plus, an ice-skating, golf and fam-
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